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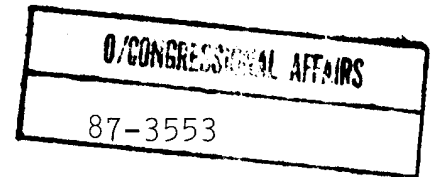
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
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**LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM**

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TO: **Legislative Liaison Officer -**  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Department of Defense  
National Security Council



SUBJECT: State draft report on S. 995, "To assure the availability of funds for additional construction activity in certain Communist countries."

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

A response to this request for your views is needed no later than WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1987.

Questions should be referred to Annette Rooney/Sue Thau (395-7300), the legislative analyst in this office.

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**SPECIAL**



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Secretary has asked me to respond to your May 15 request that we provide you with comments on legislation recently referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, specifically S. 995, a Bill "To assure the availability of funds for additional construction activity in certain Communist countries," introduced by Senator Dole on April 9, 1987.

The Secretary of State has the responsibility for the security program at our missions overseas. The Secretary takes this responsibility very seriously. To succeed in this mission the Department of State closely coordinates the design, planning and construction of facilities abroad with the Central Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, and other agencies as appropriate. The security needs and concerns of each agency are accommodated through this process.

Currently, specific security standards and design criteria govern the planning and construction of all new buildings abroad. These standards and design criteria have been made available to the Congress, and have been the focus of formal hearings and informal discussion by staff. These exchanges have been instrumental in refining the standards now in place. Formal, legislatively mandated reporting on these issues would not, in our view, add significantly to the information currently available, and would in fact duplicate what is already being provided.

We feel the Secretary of State's responsibility for the welfare and security of our missions overseas constitutes certification that projects will proceed without undue risk to American security interests.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

J. Edward Fox  
Assistant Secretary  
Legislative and intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable  
Claiborne Pell, Chairman,  
Committee on Foreign Relations,  
United States Senate.